

Lunch & Learn Writing Series Debuts March 13

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February 26, 2013 (WESTON, Conn.) -- Seeking to hone your writing skills or perhaps pen a memoir? Find out how at a three-part Lunch & Learn series commencing March 13 at the Weston Library. **Marcelle Soviero**, Wilton author and Editor-In-Chief of *Brain, Child: The Magazine for Thinking Mothers* will teach the workshops, sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Library and made possible by a generous grant from the Weston Education Foundation. The courses will take place on consecutive Wednesdays - March 13, 20 and 27 from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Admission is free, but pre-registration is encouraged as space is limited.

The three workshops will cover varied aspects of the writing process. The March 13 program will concentrate on Journal Writing/Getting Starting. Session 2 on March 20, will address Crafting Personal Essays/Memoir Writing and the concluding segment on March 27, will discuss publishing your short or full-length work. While related, each workshop stands alone and guests can attend any or all three sessions.

Ms. Soviero is an essayist whose forte is teaching memoir and personal essay writing. "Everyone has a story to tell. These workshops will take participants through a step-by-step writing process," said Soviero. Students should come equipped to take notes and will come away with key writing essentials. Both novices and seasoned writers are invited to bring a lunch and attend."

Ms. Soviero is the owner of Erielle Media and spearheads all *Brain, Child* magazine operations and editorial duties. *Brain, Child* is the largest literary magazine devoted to motherhood with an international distribution. Founded in 2000 (www.brainchildmag.com), the magazine's contributors have included the works of Pulitzer Prize-winning novelists and acclaimed writers.

In addition to her editorial work, Soviero is an accomplished poet and essayist, teacher and artist, mother and stepmother and award-winning author of *An Iridescent Life: Essays on Motherhood and Stepmotherhood* (June, 2012/available on Amazon.com). A poignant collection, the book celebrates the often untold positive aspects of step-parenting and parenting. Soviero has been published in *The New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Salon.com*, *Eating Well*, *New York Metro Parent*, *Babble*, *Literary Mama*, *Upper East Side Magazine*, among others.

Now residing in Wilton, Connecticut with her second husband and their blended family -- comprised of five children ages ten to sixteen -- Ms. Soviero teaches memoir writing and related topics at The Westport Writers' Workshop and through Wilton Continuing Education. She balances *Brain, Child* and community workshops with her private writing/coaching practice.

She is also available to teach essay classes at local venues, including libraries and assisted living facilities and can be contacted through her website at marcelle@marcellesoviero.com or at (203) 563-9149.

Lisa Pesco, Co-President of The Friends of the Weston Library, (www.friendsofthewestonlibrary.wordpress.com) notes, “We especially look forward to Ms. Soviero’s writing series as Weston is home to many writers and our fall writing program was met with great success. We are also very grateful to the Weston Education Foundation for funding what promises to be a very popular program.” In addition to its Lunch & Learn programs and events, the Friends also hosts movie screenings, book groups, speakers and musical happenings. Children’s programs have included animal behaviorists, a summer children’s film series, a chess program and musical performances.

The Weston Education Foundation (www.westoneducationfoundation.org) is a non-profit community-based organization whose mission is to actively promote excellence and innovation in education for Weston residents of all ages. The Foundation’s grant types include Teacher Development and Creativity, Expert-in-Residence, Enrichment and Technology and Community Education (such as the Friends of the Library’s Lunch & Learn writing series). In addition, The Weston Education Foundation awards the David Triguax Innovation Award to a Weston Teacher who has demonstrated an unusual level of originality and dedication.

The Lunch & Learn writing series will commence at noon sharp on March 13, 20 and 27 at the Weston Library, located at 56 Norfield Road, Weston. For more information, visit www.westonpubliclibrary.org or call (203) 222-2665. To pre-register for the Lunch & Learn writing series, e-mail friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com.

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